

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the abstract as follows:

A gene cluster is disclosed having open reading frames which encode polypeptides sufficient to direct the synthesis of a safracin molecule. In addition, the present disclosure is directed to a nucleic acid sequence, suitably an isolated nucleic acid sequence, which includes or comprises at least SEQ ID NO:1, variants or portions thereof, or at least one of the sacA, sacB, sacC, sacC, sacD, sacE, sacF, sacG, sacH, sacH, sacI, sacJ, orf1, orf2, orf3 or orf4 genes, including variants or portions.